



Chester Bethel UMC

March 29, 2026

9:30 AM

Sharing in Worship Leadership this morning:

Organist: Carmella Lynch
Bell Choir Director: Pam Manocchio
Preacher: Rev. Kelly Conner
Special Music: Polly Brown
Greeter: Bill White
Usher: Sylvia Illuzzi
Worship Leader: Rich Kuc

Prayer Joys and Concerns:

H=Health; L=Loss; LT=Long Term; O=Other

Betsey Taylor (L); Phyllis King (H); Lorraine MacMillan (H); David D. (H); Dom D. (H); Millie Burke (H); Janet Canavan (H); Keith Saulsbury (H); Steve Schellberg (H); Donna (H); Joseph Glasgow (H); Bill Hazel (H); Linda Lyons (H); Jean Andrews (H); Andrew R. (O); Bill and Doreen Jones (H); Mary Ann Box (H); Ramona Harlow (LT); Holly Dorner (H); Donna McCormick (H); DeBrock Family (O); Kim Nally; Gail Kracyla (H); Dominic King (LT); Jill Brownback (LT); Nancy Walker (LT); MaryAnn Rumford (LT); Rick Browne (LT); all peoples impacted by war (LT)

Please add prayer requests and updates to the list in the Narthex



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March 29, 2026
Palm Sunday

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Announcements

- **CBUMC is considering moving to a Single Leadership Board system of governance.** To learn more about this transition and how it would work, three Sundays of information will be given from the pulpit in April-May, as well as a Saturday info session on May 9th at 1 PM. The church will vote on this matter after worship via Special Church Conference on May 17th. See the Newsletter for more information.

Dates To Remember

- March 29 – Palm Sunday
- April 2 – Maundy Thursday at Mt. Lebanon @5pm
- April 3 – Good Friday at CB @5pm
- April 5 – EASTER!
 - Sunrise service at ML 6:30 am
 - Breakfast ML 7:30 am
 - Worship CB 9:30 am
 - Worship ML 11:30 am
- April 6-13 – Pastor on vacation

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP – “Jesus is Coming!”¹

PARADE OF PALMS

The congregation is invited to wave their palms high (whether in their seats or while moving about the sanctuary) while singing loudly the hymn below.

*OPENING HYMN FOR PARADE OF PALMS –

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” vv. 1-3 UMH #278

OPENING PRAYER

We have come to meet you today, Jesus. We don’t know quite what to expect. We think we know what we need, how you can meet our needs. But we come humbly, laying our coats before you. It’s your call. Reveal to us who you are, how you can be a Saviour in our lives – a Saviour in our world today. Come, Lord Jesus! Amen.²

SPECIAL MUSIC

PALM SUNDAY READING Matthew 21:1-11

SERMON

SPECIAL MUSIC

*HYMN OF RESPONSE – “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”
vv. 1-3 UMH #286

THANKSGIVINGS AND INTERCESSIONS

PASTORAL PRAYER

¹ Written by Carole Penner: <http://carolpenner.typepad.com/leadinginworship/>.

² Ibid.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

You may place your cash or check offering into the plates we pass around at this time or mail your tithes and offerings to the church office. Thank you for working as Christ's hands and feet in the world!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

UMH #94

Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Praise Him all creatures here below! Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise Him, the source of all our gifts; praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*CLOSING HYMN – “Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”

UMH #269

*RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF BENEDICTION

Leader: God of the foolish cross, tottering down the streets of Jerusalem on a donkey,

People: **You are not the savior we expect.**

Leader: Your power doesn't look like the power we want our God to demonstrate.

People: **Your wisdom makes no sense to us.**

Leader: We are happy to join the crowd, waving branches,

People: **But not so sure we want to follow you...**

Leader: into the temple courts;

People: **into the upper room;**

Leader: into the Garden of Gethsemane;

People: **to the foot of the cross.**

Leader: Forgive our false assumptions.

People: **Clarify our clouded vision.**

Leader: Let us relax into the foolishness of your love, your grace.

People: **Hosanna, hosanna.**

All: **Save us, we beseech you!**³

POSTLUDE

**Standing in body or in spirit*

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³ Adapted from original written by Joanna Harader on her *Spacious Faith* blog: <http://spaciousfaith.com/>.